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1. A personnel capsule device (1) for transferring personnel from a first vessel (2) and to an offshore installation (40) or to another ship by means of a lifting device (44), where the first vessel (2) is equipped with a to the capsule device (1) complementary fitting positioning and landing device (4), where shock absorbing material (32) is provided between the positioning and landing device (4) and the capsule device (1), characterized in that the capsule device (1) has an downwardly open internal conical enclosure (8), the open enclosure (8) having its largest cross section facing downwards, and where the positioning and landing device (4) protrudes upwardly from the first vessel (2) and into the open enclosure (8) when the capsule device (1) is in its docked position.
2. A device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the positioning and landing device (4) is formed as a possibly truncated cone.
3. A device according to Claim 1, characterized in that a guideline (36) connected to the first vessel (2) is directly or indirectly connected to the attachment point (42) of the lifting device (44) during at least part of the transfer.
4. A device according to Claim 1, characterized in that a specific tension is imparted to the guideline (36), at least during part of the transfer.

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5. A device according to Claim 4,
characterized in that the guideline
(36) is connected to a constant tension winch (34)
associated with the first vessel (2).

5 6. A device according to Claim 1,
characterized in that the capsule
device (1) is provided with a space (14) designed so as
to function as a lounge for the personnel to be
transferred.

10 7. A device according to Claim 6,
characterized in that the space (14)
is equipped with at least one passenger seat (22).